

“Advancing Implementation of the WHO FCTC in the Caribbean Community”

Side Meeting to the PreCOP8.

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Room C

Agenda

Time	Topic	Min
8:00-8:30 am	Registration	30
8:30-8:45 am	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p><i>Dr. Anselm Hennis, Director, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health Department (NMH), Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)</i></p> <p>Objectives of the Meeting</p> <p><i>Dr. Elisa Prieto, NCD and Mental Health Advisor, Caribbean Subregional Program Coordination, PAHO/WHO</i></p>	15
8:45-9:15 am	<p>Presentation: Landscape of Tobacco Control in the Caribbean: Overview of the Tobacco Epidemic and Status of WHO FCTC Implementation (15 min)</p> <p><i>Dr. Francisco Armada, Regional Advisor, Tobacco Control, Risk Factors and nutrition Unit, NMH Department (RF/NMH), PAHO/WHO</i></p> <p>Questions and answers (10 min)</p>	30
09:15-10:45 am	<p>SESSION 1: Country Experiences and Lessons Learned in Advancing Implementation of the WHO FCTC in the Caribbean. Chair: <i>Hon. Mr. Justice Winston Anderson Caribbean Court of Justice Academy of Law</i></p>	
	<p>Panelists (50 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process towards approving a comprehensive tobacco control legislation: the cases of Guyana and Suriname. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ms. Kesaundra Alves, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Public Health, Guyana (10 min)</i> ▪ <i>Ms. Johanna Lakhisaran, Policy Advisor and WHO FCTC Focal Point, Ministry of Health, Suriname (10 min)</i> • The Jamaican experience: from the 2013 Public Health Act to the drafting of a comprehensive tobacco control legislation. <i>Mrs. Sheryl Dennis-Wright, Legal Officer, Ministry of Health, Jamaica (10 min)</i> • Enacting health warning regulations: the case of Saint Lucia. <i>Ms. Charmaine Hippolyte, Coordinator, Substance Abuse Advisory Council Secretariat, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Saint Lucia (10 min)</i> <p>Plenary discussion (30 min)</p>	90
10:45-11.00 am	Coffee Break	15

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11:00-12:45 pm	SESSION 2: Challenges and Opportunities Towards a 100% Smoke-Free Caribbean by 2022. Chair: <i>Dr. Ignacio Ibarra, Advisor, Health-related Legislation, Office of Legal Counsel, PAHO</i>	
11:00-11:30 pm	Technical presentations (20 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The health and economic impact of tobacco exposure. <i>Dr. Adriana Blanco, Unit Chief, NMH/RF, PAHO/WHO</i> Key considerations for drafting effective 100% smoke-free legislation. <i>Ms. Rose Nathan, Associate Legal Director, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK)</i> Questions and answers (10 min)	30
11:30-12:45 pm	Work Groups: Update on ongoing legislative processes on tobacco control (45 min) Reporting and plenary discussion (30 min)	75
12:45-14:00 pm	Lunch Break	60
	SESSION 2: Challenges and Opportunities Towards a 100% Smoke-Free Caribbean by 2022 (continuation). Chair: <i>Ms. Sandra Bart, Legal Officer, CARICOM Office of the General Counsel, CARICOM Secretariat</i>	
14:00-15:00 pm	Round Table: Challenges and Opportunities Towards 100% Smoke-Free Caribbean (50 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process towards enacting 100% smoke-free legislation: the experiences of The Bahamas and Antigua and Barbuda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Samantha Moitt, Chief Nutrition Officer and Tobacco Focal Point, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda</i> <i>Dr. Delon Brennen, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, The Bahamas</i> Effective enforcement of 100% smoke-free legislation: the experience of Jamaica. <i>Mrs. Sheryl Dennis-Wright, Legal Officer, Ministry of Health, Jamaica</i> Reflections on the role of civil society to mobilize political will towards a 100% smoke-free Caribbean. <i>Ms. Barbara McGaw, Tobacco Control Advisor, Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control/Healthy Caribbean Coalition</i> Questions and answers (15 min)	65
15:00-15:30 pm	Group Discussion About Support Needed and Next Steps for Moving Towards a 100% Smoke-Free Caribbean by 2022.	30
15:30-15:45 pm	Coffee Break	10

15:45-17:00 pm	<p>SESSION 3: Strengthening Participation of Caribbean Countries at the COP8.</p> <p>Chair: <i>His Excellency Dr. Riyad Insanally, Ambassador to the United States of America, Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, Embassy of Guyana</i></p>	75
	<p>Panelists (40 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on how national policies can be articulated at the international level. <i>Mr. Carlos Emanuel, Specialist, Cooperation for Health Development, PAHO Country and Subregional Coordination Office (CSC)</i> • Caribbean country experience on the importance of ensuring a Caribbean presence at the COP meetings. <i>Ms. Kesaundra Alves, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Public Health, Guyana</i> • The international level as an opportunity to articulate national positions on tobacco control: the experience of Uruguay. <i>Dr. Marcos Dotta, Deputy Director of International Law Affairs and Focal Point on Tobacco issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay</i> <p>Plenary discussion and next steps (35 min)</p>	
17:00-17:10 pm	Closing Remarks	10